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Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

An Amendment A (7 pages). 1.

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